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Libraries in Medical Education (LIME): A Special Interest Group of NEGEA

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About LIME:

Comprised of health sciences librarians from medical schools in the Northeast U.S. and Eastern Canada, this Special Interest Group is dedicated to:

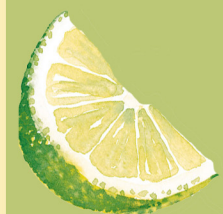
- *Promoting communication between librarians and other NEGEA members on research and curricular initiatives.
- *Enhancing librarians' knowledge and skills of current trends and issues of interest in the medical education community.
- *Increasing the knowledge and skills of NEGEA members through librarian-sponsored programming at annual retreats.

Methods:

In 2006, health sciences librarians from within the NEGEA area drafted and submitted a proposal to become an official NEGEA SIG. The LIME SIG in the CGEA and the Libraries/Educational Resources Section of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) served as models.

Results:

In 2007, LIME was officially accepted by the NEGEA as a Special Interest Group. Already, over thirty-five health sciences librarians have joined LIME and the group continues to grow. We look forward to an exciting future of collaboration within NEGEA.



HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARIANS...



Provide Curriculum Integrated Instruction



Assist faculty and students with research.



Create and manage libraries conducive to education.



Participate in the development of standards and guidelines for educational outcomes.



Purchase and organize materials.

FACT: On average, health sciences librarians provide over 33,000 education sessions annually. (AAHSL, 2005).

FACT: Each year, librarians teach over 310,000 students. (AAHSL, 2005).

Future Direction of the LIME SIG:



- *Addition of a LIME resource page on the NEGEA web site.
- *Creation of a directory of library education coordinators throughout the region.
- *Listing of member schools and their libraries including information on activities, resources and statistics.
- *Mapping of AAMC course-specific competencies to locations within a standard curriculum in which library educators can or already play a role in undergraduate and graduate instruction.
- *Leading training workshops for NEGEA members.
- *Active and ongoing participation within other levels of the NEGEA.

ALL NEGEA MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THE LIME SIG AND TO PARTICIPATE IN ITS ACTIVITIES.

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